## **Patent Application Transmittal**

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Sir:

With reference to the filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office of an application for patent in the name(s) of: Markus Durig, Mariana Maglione, Remo Kluser

entitled: HOLDING ELEMENT FOR TUBULAR OBJECTS

<u>X</u>	New Application Continuing Application	
	Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of prior application serial no., filed	
[Note: If priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 involves a series of respectively copending applications, then identify each and its relationship to its immediate predecessor.]		
	The prior application is assigned of record to	
	This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f) and the amounts shown in parentheses below have been employed in calculating the fee:	

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The fol	llowing are enclosed:	
X X X 	Specification ( 9 pages) & Abstract  3 Sheet(s) of Drawings  7 Claim(s) (including 1 independent claim(s))  This application contains a multiple dependent claim  Information Diclosure Statement, PTO-1449 andreferences;	
X	This filing fee has been calculated on the basis of the claims as amended by any enclosed preliminary amendment as follows:	
v	Basic Fee, \$770.00 (\$385.00)       \$770.00         Number of Claims in excess of 20 at \$18.00 (\$9.00) each:       00.00         Number of Independent Claims in excess of 3 at \$86.00 (\$43.00) each:       00.00         Multiple Dependent Claim Fee at \$290.00 (\$145.00)       00.00	
<u>X</u>	Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00       40.00         Total Filing Fee       \$ 810.00	
X	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0955. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed  (x) Any additional filing fees required under 37 CRF 1.16  (x) Any patent application processing fees under 37 CRF 1.17.	
<u>X</u>	Oath or Declaration and Power of Attorney  X New X signed unsigned Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d))	
	Deletion of Inventors	
	Signed Statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (37 C.F.R 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b))	
	Power of attorney and/or correspondence address was changed during prosecution of the prior application. The new power of attorney is to <u>, Reg. No.</u> . The new correspondence address is indicated above.	
	Incorporation by Reference (for continuation or divisional application) The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.	

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_	A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
	(Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with
	the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

- Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- X New formal drawings are enclosed.
- X Certified copy of each foreign priority application on which the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 is based was filed in prior U.S. application serial no., filed. A list of said foreign priority application(s) is (are) provided below. Acknowledgement thereof is requested.

Application Nos.	<u>Filed</u>	<u>In</u>
102 53 996.0	11/19/02	Germany

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  - (X) Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17
  - (X) Any filing fees required under 37 CRF 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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